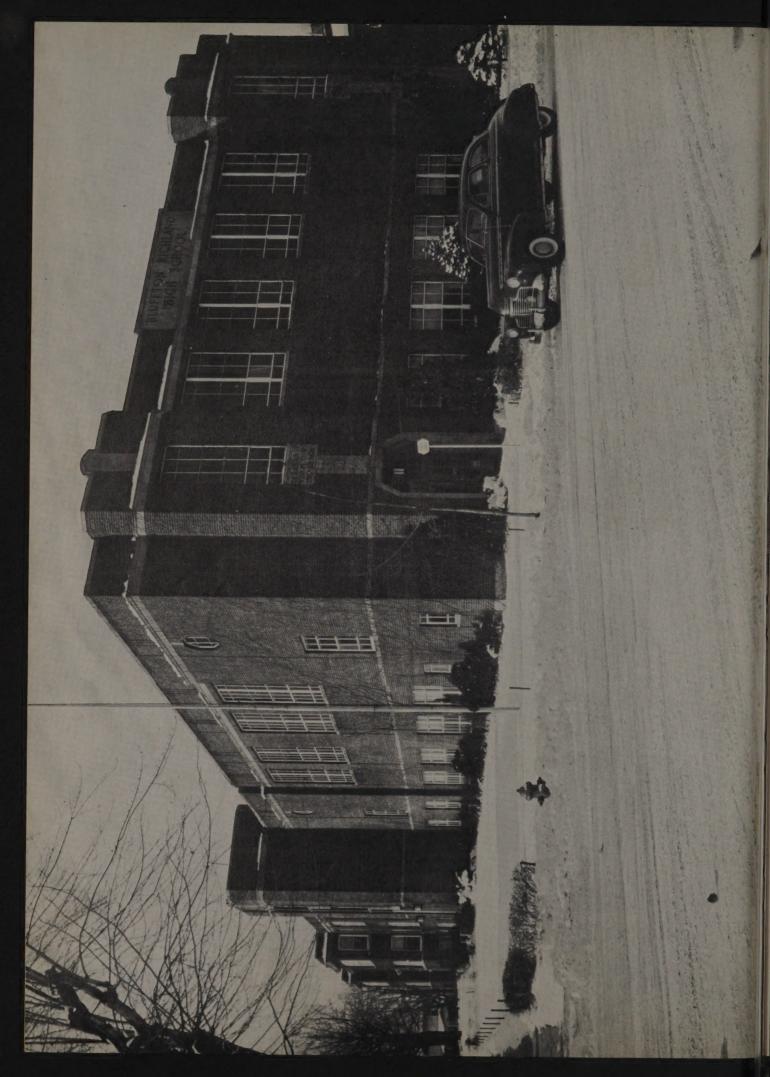


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Classes

BLUFFTON HIGH

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# JOHN FREDERICK TRIPLEHORN Vice President "Duckfoot" . . little boy from South Main . . . whose huge frame helped B. H. S. win football games . . . attended the 1950 Boys State, is business manager for Cutlass, and presides over Varsity B as prexy . . . picks shop as his favorite subject . . is very handy with a hammer and saw . . . "It costs too much"

### Seniors



RUTH ANNA LEE

President

"Ruthie" . . . . the 'little' farm
girl who keeps the Senior
class under control . . . . always
keeping one in suspense when
telling about experiences . . . .
To help others is her goal
. . . . attendant to Homecoming queen was very thrilling
to her . . . biology was the
subject best liked by her . . . .
"You never can tell"

CLASS MOTTO-Forward ever, Backward never

CLASS COLORS-Maroon and White

CLASS FLOWER—Lily of the Valley

ANN BASINGER
DUNIFON
Secretary

"Annie" ... peppy and always joking ... controller of the G.A.A. and cheerleader ... also attendant to Homecoming queen ... majors in science, home economics, and English ... hopes to be a homemaker patterned after her mother ... most thrilling to her were Homecoming and the lead in the Junior play ... "Oh Hen"



#### HOWARD NOLAN MILLER

Business Manager
"Buddie" . . . participates
in music, Hi-Y, and Varsity
B . . . favors mechanical
drawing . . . always popping
up with the right answer . .
"thrilling" he found the lead
in the Junior play . . . in
his spare time you may find
him working in a service station . . . "Exc----use me"



LYNN ELLSWORTH CARMACK

On September 4, 1945, excited voices could be heard saying "Where's room 211?" or "Where's room 301?" Still another would say "Gee, I think I'm lost."

Yes, it was only the Class of "51" entering the halls of B. H. S. But of course, it wasn't long until we got into the swing of things. Some of us played musical instruments in Jr. Orchestra and others in Jr. Band. Most of the girls belonged to Blue Triangle, Jr. F. H. A., and a few were members of the 4-H Club. The Boy Scouts and the Jr. High basketball team occupied the boys spare time.

We were represented on the Cutlass staff with three reporters and another classmate was a drum majorette in the band for two years. As Jr. High School came to a close we looked into the future with wondering

thoughts about the next four years that were ahead of us.

Then one bright and sunny day in September, 1947, the Class of "51" entered High School . . . at last!

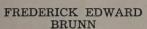
Although our class was small, we were well represented in all activities and clubs during the next four exciting years. Y-Teens, F. H. A., G. A. A., and Girls' Glee were the organizations which appealed to the girls. Not to be outdone, the boys participated in Hi-Y, F. F. A., Varsity B, and Boys' Glee. Our class members also could be found taking part in various other activities such as: writing articles for the Cutlass and Buccaneer, discussing the school problems in the Student Senate, patrolling the hall as Student Patrol members, blending our sweet voices in Mixed

#### 11TH GRADE OFFICERS

President	.Don	Oates
Vice PresidentLy		
Secretary-Treasurer		
Genevieve	Burk	holder
Advisor		Tojder



BILL AUGSBURGER "BILL AUGSBURGER
"Bill" . . . that big hunk of
man who may always be seen
chewing bubble gum . . .
playing center on the football
team proved very thrilling
. . blended his voice in
glee club and a member of
Varsity B . . . shop is tops
as a subject . . . Graduation
he sets as a goal . . . "Aw,
come on!"



BRUNN

"Fritz" . . . the blond haired jokester with energy-plus . . . three year letterman in baseball . . . majors in industrial arts . . . when not attending school you may find him cutting up meat . . . getting absence excuses is very important to him . . goal in life is to become a cook . . . "Give it to him"



GENEVIEVE BURKHOLDER

BURKHOLDER

"Jenny"... spunky little cheerleader of 4 years very active in school ... holds down a post on Buccaneer and Cutlass staffs ... treasurer of Y-Teens ... selects home ec. as favorite subject and received State Homemaker Degree in F.H.A. ... what a coincidence, she wants to teach home economics ... also attended Buckeye Girl's State ... being crowned Homecoming Queen was most memorable event ... "Other door, please!" memorable event . . . . door, please!"





JAMES BADERTSCHER "Bod" . . . wants to become a man of money . . . helped control the finances of the Cutlass as ass't. business manager . . . his outstanding height was useful to him on the "pirate five" . . . also active in Varsity B and on the baseball squad . . he picks 'college girls' as a favorite subject but majors in English and industrial arts . . . most important to him is to graduate . . . "I can't stand it"



DOROTHY JEAN LEIBER

"Dot" . . . very active in school organizations . . . . letter award in music . . . shorthand and bookkeeping rank first as subjects . . . hopes to become a secretary . . . in her spare time she sells jewelry . . class trip will be most thrilling . . . . "Never can tell"



HOLTKAMP "Holtkamp"
"Hole" . . . . always busy hunting for someone or thing . . . often seen driving a Buick . . editor of Cutlass and president of Student Senate . . . commercial is a hit as a major . . . her goal: To do something just once that everyone approves of . . puts her knowledge as a bookkeeper to use at Prosser's . . states that the whole senior year was thrilling . . . "Oh, Honey"



PAUL HERBERT

Chorus, and making use of musical instruments in Band and Orchestra.

You may think that this is absolutely all the activities a class could be represented in, but you're in for a surprise for we still have a few more activities in which some of us took part.

The football, basketball, and baseball squads claimed many of the boys, not just as bench-warmers, but, as varsity or first string players. Cheerleading with all its joys and sorrows held the attention of two girls for four years. Another classmate led the band as head drum majorette for two years. The girls showed their athletic ability in the intramural games. They are very proud of having won the basketball championship when they were only Sophomores, and they may

still be overheard bragging about it.

The Junior year found us "the small, but mighty class of B. H. S." With the Junior year came more exciting events. Early in the fall you could see flashing on every hand of the Junior class something bright and shiny. A closer observation revealed the wonderful, uncomparable class rings. A ring

was also purchased for James Frick.

The presentation of "The Baby Sitter" killed two birds with one stone. The first was displaying our ability to act or at least try and the second to enlarge our receipts. These receipts helped us sponsor "The Cinderella Ball," which was held at the Elks Club in Findlay. The honored guests were the members of the Senior class and the faculty.



JAMES FRICK JAMES FRICK
"James" . . . member of
the class who is tutored by
Mr. Ewing . . . majors in
English, social sciences, and
science . . . when not studying he may be found reading
or working on his coin collection . . . also a great
follower of sports by radio
and reading material . . . .
"That's a good question"



JOAN MARIE MONTGOMERY "Gummy" ... always friendly and a lot of fun ... enjoys bookkeeping ... attending F. H. A. convention in "50" was very thrilling ... achieved State Homemaker Degree ... secretary-treasurer of G. A. A. and active in other school activities ... To get a credit in typing is her goal ... "Plug 'em"



BARBARA JEAN
LEWIS

"Babs" ... the tall girl with great artistic ability and a flair for acting ... art editor for Buccaneer displays her ability ... majors in languages and received honorable mention in scholarship tests ... she sets her goal "To be an actress and play the part of Catherine in Wuthering Heights" ... the local telephone office occupies her spare time ... "Well, to tell you frankly"



DAVID M HOFSTETTER "Dave" . . . . the farm boy from west of Bluffton who majors in agriculture and received F.F.A. award . . . guided the Hi-Y through its activities . . . also active in Varsity B, glee club, and basketball . . . giving the Junior play was most thrilling to him . . . "Hen! No!"



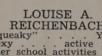
LELAND R.
GARMATTER

"Gid" . . . . the farm boy who controls the F.F.A. . . majors in agriculture, English, and shop . . . called the plays and captain for the football team . . . outstanding is his thick crew cut . . . . considers the Senior year very important . . . to graduate is his goal . . . "It's no use to lie"



10TH GRADE OFFICERS President ......Melvin Marquart Vice President ......Joan Montgomery Secretary-Treasurer .....Barbara Lewis

EILENE MATHEWSON "Dainy" . . . noted for her pretty smiling face . . . typing and shorthand are tops as subjects . . . thinks Senior trip will prove exciting . . . To find an office job is her goal . . . the Pine Restaurant takes care of her leisure time . . . "Are you waited on?"



LOUISE A.
REICHENBACH
"Squeaky" . . . . Y-Teen
prexy . . . active in all
other school activities . . .
bookkeeping is her favorite
subject . . may be seen
hurrying around getting information for the Buccaneer
for she's ass't. editor . . .
plans to go into nurses' training . . . finds the Senior year
thrilling . . . "You nut head"

The year 1950 came and we were Seniors, not in the least bit dignified. The year we had always looked forward to as the most important was here. The Senior year brought with it still more surprises and activities than the Junior year could ever have hoped to provide.

Nearly all the organizations of B. H. S. were guided by a member from our class. Besides participating in all the activities previously mentioned we could be found working on the Buccaneer, trying our luck at scholarship tests, and a few of us were elected to the National Honor Society.

We were kept busy doing things to raise money for our trip to Washington D. C. We did everything from sponsoring a Bob Mason Show to selling magazine subscriptions and collecting newspapers. In April we presented "Meet Me in St. Louis," which helped our budget greatly.

The month of May was the grand finale to twelve years of hard work and fun as students in the Bluffton schools. The Jr.-Sr. Prom, Baccalaureate, Commencement, the Alumni Banquet, and our class trip made May the outstanding month.

What about these twenty-six members of the Class of "51"? What will become of each one as they go out into life? This you may be sure. Whatever way of life they may choose, they will go "Forward ever, Backward nev-

We greatly appreciate the guidance Mr. Kettlewell has given us during the year to make it the best year in our school life.

#### 9TH GRADE OFFICERS

President	John !	<b>Triplehorn</b>
Vice President	Lynn	Carmack
Secretary-Treasurer	Ann	Basinger
Advisor	]	Miss Keel



RICHARD HENRY
JORDAN

"Dick" . . . went to Blissfield School before coming to B.H.S. . . . a new student who found his first day in B.H.S. most thrilling of all . . majors in science . . . . . . always seen with his pipe . . . . develops further interest in newspaper work as an employee of the Bluffton News Office . . . Wants to be a success . . . "Pshaw"

WILLIAM DON OATES
"Don" . . . tall farm boy
who, of course, majors in
agriculture . . . hopes to
become a coach . . . outstanding in basketball and
football, being on both the
starting 'five and eleven' . . .
also takes active part in Varsity B and Hi-Y . . . . was
one of the stars of "The Baby
Sitter" . . . graduation most
thrilling . . . "I got the
goods on you"



#### CAROL JEAN

CAROL JEAN
SECHLER

"Satch" . . . . may be found working at Pine Restaurant
. . . majors in commercial, English and home economics
. . . always has a joke . . . . to graduate is most important to her . . . . class trip, she says, will be most thrilling
. . . "I'll never tell"



#### MELVIN EVAN

MARQUART
"Tub" . . . the quiet farm boy usually seen in a green Studebaker . . . majors in agriculture . . . county officer in F.F.A. . . . To be a farmer is his plan . . . "Let's go to Cory"



MARGARET LOUISE
STRATTON

"Maggie" . . . friendly to
everyone . . . very active in
all school activities . . . being chosen Buccaneer editor
"Very thrilling" . . . also
keeps records for F.H.A. as
secretary . . To do something worth while is her goal
. . . . placed in biology scholarship test . . . chemistry
and commercial are her favorite subjects . . . "Oh!
Sugar!"





#### MILDRED LEE

MILDRED LEE
TENNEY

"Millie" . . . high spirited personality . . . majors in science . . keeps tab of the money of the F.H.A. . . . hopes to achieve nursing profession and be helpful to the public . . . looking forward to class trip . . . participates in many school activities . . . her favorite subject is physics . . . "Jeepers! Creepers!"



DALE E. RISSER

"Riss" . . . that tall hunk of
man who always has a smile
for everyone . . . . who helped
'hold that line and tackle that
man' . . . also received
basketball awards . . . plans
to take up farming . . . .
enjoys sociology . . member of F. F. A. and Varsity B
. . . . "Never can tell"

#### 8TH GRADE OFFICERS

President	. Margaret	Stratton
Vice President	Louise Reic	henbach
Secretary-Treasurer .	Mary	Dunbar
Advisor	Miss	Slusser

#### 7TH GRADE OFFICERS

PresidentJames	Badertscher
Vice PresidentBill	Augsburger
Secretary-TreasurerRu	
Advisor	

# Juniors



Janet Althaus
Burdette Augsburger
Marian Bell
Gene Badertscher

Paul Baumgartner
Doris Berryhill
David Bixel
Barbara Burkholder

Wilbur Bracy
Barbara Diller
Samuel Diller
Clarence Greiner
Frederick Habegger

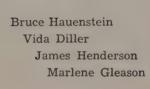




















"Juniors"—that's us! Only one more year of school left. How time does fly! It's been such a busy but enjoyable year, with Mr. Geiger guiding our footsteps and assisting our officers: Barbara Diller, President; Charles Hilty, Vice President; and Joe Smucker, Secretary-Treasurer.

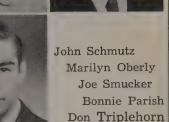
We gave our all to the various activities

such as Hi-Y, Y-Teens, F. F. A., F. H. A., Varsity B, and G. A. A. But that's not all! Some of us were active reporters for the "Cutlass," others were associate editors, and Joan Gratz was the ass't. editor. We were also represented in the Student Senate and Don Triplehorn was on the Student Patrol.

Charles Hilty Joan Gratz Eugene Kohler June Hochstettler

Patsy Joseph Donald Leiber Shirleen Klass Richard Pattersor.













Nancy Steinman Robert Wenger Annabelle Stover Larry Zimmerly



Six boys of our class lettered in football, and a number of them participated in varsity basketball and baseball. Musically speaking we harmonized in Girls' Glee, Boys' Glee, and Mixed Chorus. We were also active in band and orchestra. Shirleen Klass and Bonnie Parish were drum majorettes.

With all this activity we still found time

to earn money by selling at games and producing the play, "American Passport." With this money we sponsored the Jr.-Sr. Banquet and next year we plan to take a trip.

We are looking forward to the day when we will shoulder the responsibility of Seniors, and become the graduating class of 1952.



FRONT ROW: Sharon Fritchie, Sue Risser, Mary Lewis, Janice Diller, Dolores Hauenstein, Ruth Nonnamaker, Emma Schmutz, Sue Conaway, Elise Chamberlain, Colleen Cummins, Carol Carmack, Betty May.

MIDDLE ROW: Janice Henry, Evan Lehman, Alvin Epley, Arley Criblez, LaVerne Moser, Richard Bucher, Richard Benroth, Kaye Matter, Shirley Derringer, Joan Moser, Gerald Kaufman, William Shumaker. BACK ROW: Robert Mathewson, Dean Amstutz, James Green, William Montgomery, Charles Bucher, David Beery, David Burkholder, Karl Klassen, David Gerber, Robert Leiber, John Koch, Tom Bucher. MISSING: Rodney Jennings.



# Sophomores

The Sophomore class is an ambitious group, noted for its ability to get started early in its school years. We had a class membership of 38 pupils but we lost one member during the year when Evelyn Hershberger moved to Colorado.

Our ambitious nature was exercised in the extra-curricular activities, with the girls belonging to G. A. A., Y-Teens, and F. H. A. The boys were kept busy in F. F. A., Hi-Y, and Varsity B. We were also active in the music organizations. Shirley Derringer and Rodney Jennings were reporters for the "Cutlass."

Some of our boys played on the football and basketball teams, and Janice Henry was a reserve cheerleader.

We enjoyed a hayride in October, but the outstanding event of this year was the receiving of our class rings.

The class piloted by James Green, President; Elise Chamberlain, Vice President; Sue Conaway, Secretary; and Robert Leiber, Treasurer, wish to thank Miss Slusser for her guidance this past year and also Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chamberlain for their supervision over our summer activities.



Best Wishes for a Successful Future



Although we were supposedly the "greenhorns" of B. H. S., we didn't feel green, for we participated in all of the activities that were offered.

F. H. A., G. A. A., music organizations, and intramurals at noon claimed our girls, while the boys gave their energy to Varsity B, F. F. A., music, and the football and basketball squads.

Our class also claimed a majorette, Ann Thomas, and two reserve cheerleaders, Mary Burry and Esther Mathewson. The responsibility of reporting for the "Cutlass" fell into the hands of Esther Hofstetter and William Ramseyer.

We chose as our officers for the year three boys who are Don Badertscher, President; Joel Joseph, Vice President; and David Tschiegg, Secretary-Treasurer. We wish to thank Mr. Howe, our advisor, for helping us through this year.

On completion of this year we feel that we have taken a big step towards our goal of "dignified Seniors."

### Freshmen



FRONT ROW: Esther Hofstetter, Ann Thomas, Wade Lehman, Arlen Campbell, David Tschiegg, Frederick Amstutz, Daryl Badertscher, Donavin Geiger, Mary Burry, Doris Basinger.

MIDDLE ROW: Janice Diller, Vonda Burkholder, Carolyn Shafer, Esther Mathewson, Yvonne Rupright, John McCune, Edward Reichenbach, Joel Joseph, Lou Moser, Harriet Badertscher, Jeanette Basinger..

BACK ROW: Roberta Basinger, Joanne Rodabaugh, Richard Stager, Don Badertscher, Marl Watkins, John Badertscher, Ralph Molder, William Ramseyer, Edith Yoder, Nina Epley.
MISSING: Harriet Bixel.



BASINGER FURNITURE STORE
Bluffton, Ohio



FRONT ROW: David Steiner, Roger Reichenbach, Jane Fisher, Saundra Berry, Peggy Parish, Lois Amstutz, Karin Hauenstein, Dorothy Stratton, Dean Badertscher, Barbara Shumaker, Ralf Steiner, Gerald Yoakam.

MIDDLE ROW: Junior Zimmerly, Ellen Balmer, Joyce Diller, Mary Badertscher, Sue Montgomery, Robert Steiner, Anita Klassen, Rex Aukerman, Janice Skidmore, James Matter. BACK ROW: Nancy Joseph, Nora Preto, Patricia Gaiffe, Marie Moser, Fredrick Basinger, Thorton Lauriat, Maurice Mahoney, Wilma Jorg, Irlene Gierman, Janet Criblez, Jo Ann Hursey..

MISSING: Sallyann Hilty, Dawn Triplehorn, Paul Fritchie.



# Eighth Grade

This class for the second time, in its stride to reach its goal as Seniors in 1955, entered the doors of B. H. S. with a roll call of 36 members.

We were music minded for about half of us were in either band, orchestra, or both. The drum majorette who represented our class was Dorothy Stratton.

Athletically speaking many of our boys were found on the Junior high football and basketball squads. Being small didn't stop David "Pete" Steiner from making noise at the ball games as a varsity cheerleader.

There were very few organizations to which we could belong but we did what we could in the Boy Scouts and the 4-H Clubs.

Lois Amstutz, our President, assisted by James Matter, Vice President; Dorothy Stratton, Secretary-Treasurer; and Fredrick Basinger, Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer, lead us through this year successfully with the guidance of Miss Duffield, our advisor.

Although we were new to B. H. S. and may not have seemed very important, we liked to think we were because of the many school activities in which we participated.

Carol Moser was a drum majorette and Frank Chamberlain, a drum major. There were also others of us who played instruments in the band and orchestra.

We were also interested in athletics, with a number of the boys making up the Junior high football and basketball teams. Shirley Burry, Jean Ann Frick, and Jean Ann Kempf were three of the reserve cheerleaders. They were not very big, but they surely made a lot of noise.

Darlene Bechtel, President; Jean Ann Kempf, Vice President; and Jean Ann Frick, Secretary-Treasurer, with the aid of Miss Keel, our advisor, did a fine job in bringing us through our first year in B. H. S.

Perhaps you have heard enough about us, but we want to say one more thing. We have a goal to meet, and meet it we will. Our goal is to graduate from Bluffton High School as one of the best classes, with the best members ever.

### Seventh Grade



SITTING: Russell Scoles, Dale Hochstettler, James Laycock, Jacqueline Berry, Lora Triplehorn, Shirley Burry, Jean Ann Kempf, Ronald Lane, Richard Basinger, Barry Corson, Ned Althaus.
FRONT ROW: Robert Badertscher, James Berry, Lor Corned Boneld, Children Lord Newson, Ne

Jan Conrad, Ronald Chidester, JoAnn Niswander, Dorothy Herr, Kay Clauss, Shirley Galloway, Karen Zimmerman, Jeannine Benroth, Sherry Zimmerman, Sharon Wahlie, Denise Badertscher.
MIDDLE ROW: Shirley Deifendeifer, Carol Mathew-

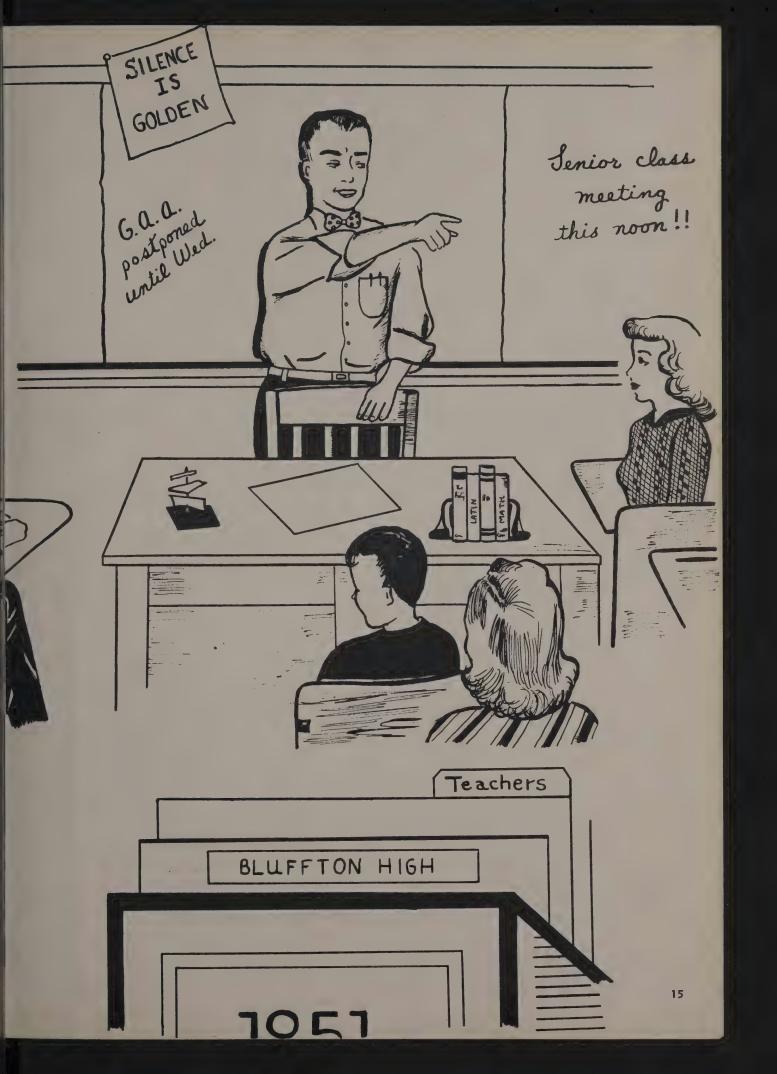
Green.

son, Carol Moser, Raymond Cummins, Elsie Valette, Beulah Bixel, Darlene Bechtel, Carolyn Garmatter, Rebecca Frankhauser, Rachel Garmatter, Jean Ann Frick, Annabelle Amstutz.

BACK ROW: Ronald Lora, Robert Derringer, Wade Moser, Loretta Nonnamaker, Norma Frankhauser, Sally Reichenbach, Jack Fields, Frank Chamberlain, Dale Schmutz, Marlin Amstutz, Bret Triplett, Robert







# Superintendent



#### AARON B. MURRAY

"A. B."... directs our schools as superintendent and advises the Student Senate... also a graduate from B. H. S. in 1923... received A. B. in 1927 from Bluffton College and M. A. from Ohio State Univ. in 1935... "thrilled" was he when asked to accept superintendency of Bluffton schools... outstanding are his extroversive propensities... "A good life" is his goal.

# Board of Education



Mary Gratz, Clerk; Paul W. Stauffer, Carl Derringer, Vice President; Rev. V. C. Oppermann, President; Aaron Murray, Dr. B. W. Travis, Levi Althaus

#### GERHARD G. BUHLER

George" . . . attended Mt. ake High School in Minneota . . . graduated from Bluffton College with A. B. nd Ohio State Univ. with M. A. . . . principal of the high chool, instructor of General cience and Physics, advisor f Hi-Y and the National Honr Society are included in he "big" part he plays in B. I. S. . . . also found time in he summer to teach Psycholgy and Education at Bluffon College and attend the ord Trade School . . . states hat all experiences associated vith B. H. S. are thrilling.



#### **SECRETARY**



#### MARY K. GRATZ

"Katie"... the girl in the office whose job is never done... busy is she all day helping the faculty and students, whatever their needs may be... besides being high school secretary, she is also clerk of the Board of Education and school treasurer... graduated from Columbus Grove and Tiffin Business Univ.

# Faculty



"Ocie". . . the teacher of B. H. S. who always knows where to look for the answer to all questions. . . . besides being librarian, she strives to teach the students a few fundamentals about the whereabouts of the different types of books through the Library Science course. . . patience and will-science course. . . patience and will-science course. . . graduated from characteristics. . . . . . . . . . . . . graduated from Aleppo High School in Pennsylvania and from Waynesburg College with B. S. in Education and Western Reserve Univ. Library School with B. S. in L. S. OCIE ANDERSON



LORAIN A. BASINGER



FLORENCE R. DUFFIELD

#### THE OBLIGATION OF CITIZENSHIP

In this age, more than ever before, we are faced with the problem that the individual accepts and expects all the rights of citizenship under our form of government, and too many persons do not accept the responsibilities of being a citizen in the same measure.

In the past, we are told, young people and adults worked for the welfare of others over and beyond the usual effort expected and all society benefited and greater happiness resulted for our people.

It has been increasingly evident in recent years that money has become more and more the goal for our people, young and old. We lean very much toward things of economic value.

People expect to be paid for doing things, beyond their regular job, once done as a privilege and pleasure. It has come to our attention that some parents not only pay good-

HARRY E. KETTLEWELL

"Harry". . . instructor of Mathemetics, advisor of Senior class and and ass't, athletic manager. . . outstanding characteristic is his sense of humor. and received B. S. in Education from Miami Univ. and M. A. in School Administration from Michigan State College. . . . also scoutmaster of local Troop 56. . . "To live to 2000 A. D." is his goal.



EARL W. LEHMAN

"Earl" ... another busy teacher of B.
H.S. .. director of the glee clubs,
mixed chorus, and orchestra and also
responsible for the band performances
at football games .. besides music instructor of B. H. S. he finds time to
direct the Swiss Male Chorus and the
Senior Play ... another graduate of
Pandora High School . received B. S.
in Music at Bluffton College . . his
voice and his ability to use it is his
outstanding characteristic.



"Red". . . the one who takes all the blame for Bluffton's defeats and receives little credit for its victories besides coaching the Priates he instructs all Physical Education classes and guides the Varsity B. . . . . outstanding feature is his red hair . . . graduated from Leipsic High School and his B. S. at Bowling Green Univ.



### Faculty



WILFORD O. GEIGER

"Bill"....the Chemistry and Biology teacher who graduated from B. H. S. when he was a "bashful" Junior.... when a student wins a scholarship it is an important event to him...attended Bluffton College and received his B. A.... M. A. was received at Ohio State Univ...especially enjoyadis spare time as a business man.... his goal is "Success."



"Prof." ... one of the busiest teachers of B. H. S. ... instructor of English and Social Sciences. ... also Freshmen class advisor. ... agraduate of Trenton High School. ... received A. B. from Bluffton College and A. M. from Ohio State Univ. ... the times his two sons were associated with championship athletic teams in B. H. S. were thrilling to him. ... looking into the future he sets as his goal to "Watch my grandsons play college football."



ly sums of money for household tasks but in many instances pay money as rewards for a child's not doing unwelcome things.

Many of us in school work think this policy is wrong. We urge pupils and citizens generally to raise our standard of behavior to include some humanitarian impulses in our daily living and to look to ourselves more and more for the reason for the unsettled condition of the times.

We need to respect our parents and their opinions, we need to respect those who have been placed in charge of our various institutions, we need to respect the laws and regulations that have been made for the welfare of all people. This is needed in the home, the school, and in community life.

-A. B. Murray, Superintendent





"Jean". the Vocational Home Economics teacher who is also advisor of the F. H. A. her smile and ability to understand people and their problems stand out as characteristics attended Lafayette High School where she met her future husband graduated from the School of Home Economics at Ohio State Univ. and received B.S. an exciting event will be when B. H. S. girls win scholarships in home ec. to Ohio State. "To be which will enable them to be much better homemakers" is her goal.





FRANCIS BASINGER Bus Driver



CHARLES COUCH Bus Driver



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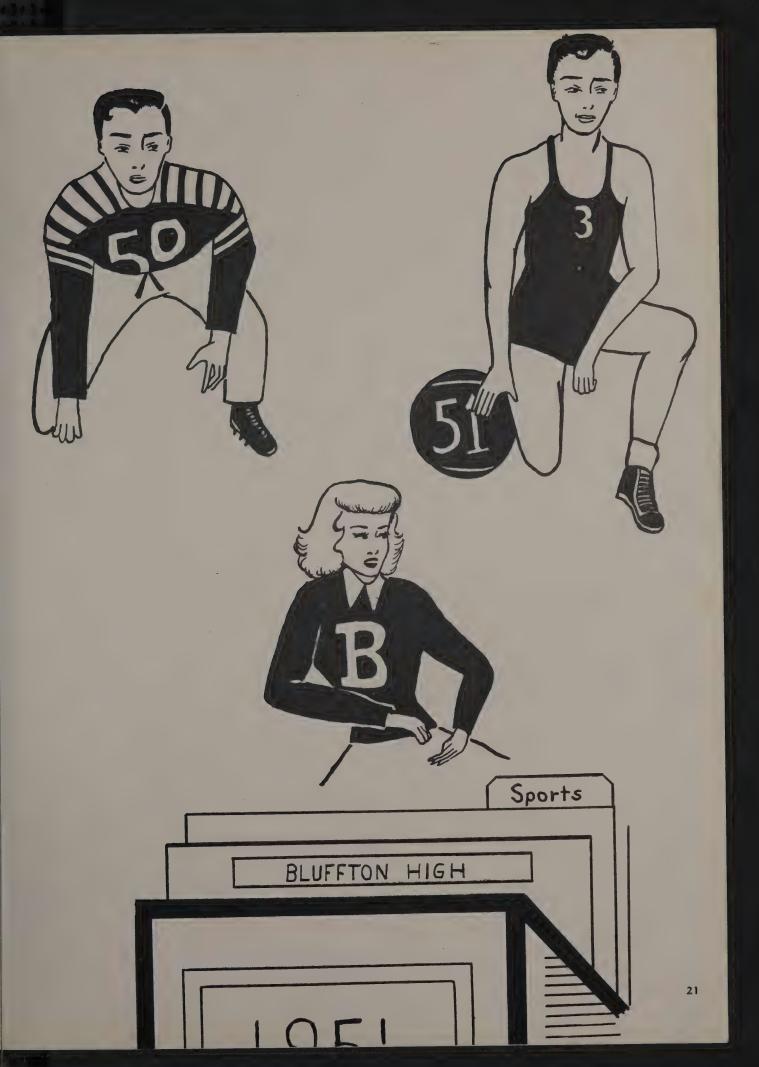
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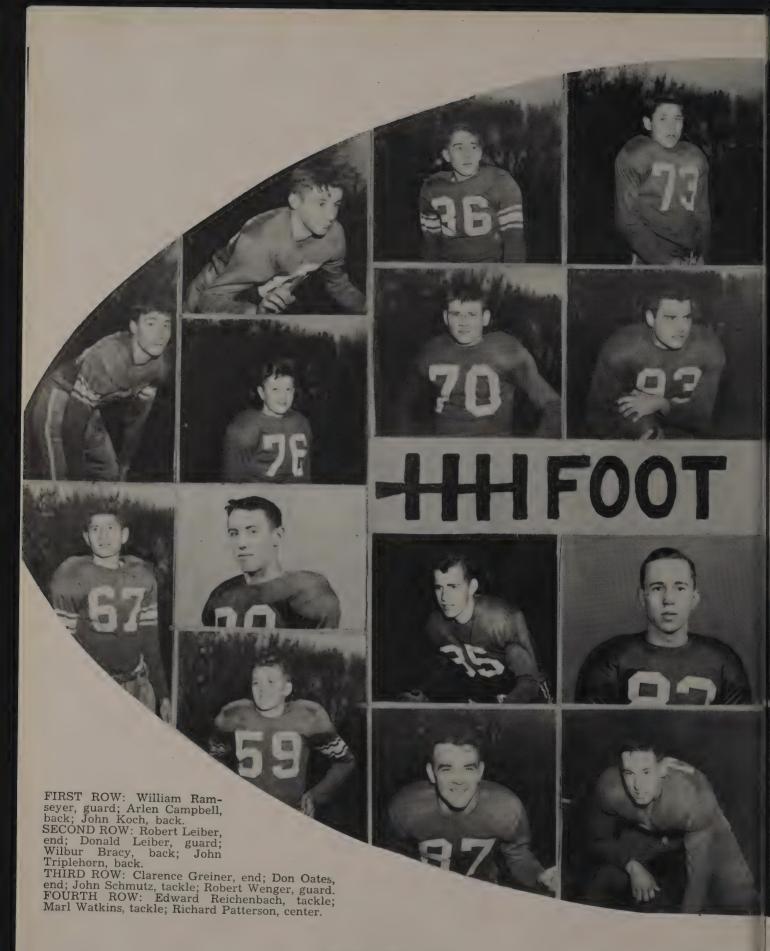


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### Football

Opening the season with a somewhat inexperienced team the fighting Pirates ended a fairly successful season. The Pirates operated from a T-formation directed by Leland Garmatter, Western Buckeye All-League quarterback. In the Ada game Garmatter received a dislocated shoulder and his passing and running were greatly missed in the early part of the season.

KENTON 0—BLUFFTON 13

The season's first game, played with Kenton, saw the Pirates come out on top by a score of 13 to 0. John Triplehorn plunged over from the two yard line for the first Bluffton tally, and Don Oates scored the second when he caught a touchdown pass from Garmatter and ran 15 yards for a score. Don Triplehorn tallied the extra point by snagging a pass from Garmatter.

ADA 7—BLUFFTON 13

A week later the Pirates showed still more sparkle when they defeated Ada, the sixth straight time in the last decade, by a score of 13 to 7. John and Don Triplehorn scored the touchdowns with Garmatter passing to Don Triplehorn for the extra point.

BELLEFONTAINE 13—BLUFFTON 0 Bellefontaine Chieftains came into Bluffton next, giving the Pirates their first setback of the season by a score of 13-0.

VAN WERT 42—BLUFFTON 12

The Pirates again met defeat at the hands of the Van Wert Cougers by the score of 42 to 12. Van Wert, always a powerful team, was no exception this year, and with a speedy backfield and plenty of strength, had a decided advantage over B. H. S. gridders. Don and John Triplehorn scored the TD's.

CELINA 30-BLUFFTON 40

The Pirates surprised everyone and toppled Celina by an impressive score of 40 to 30. John Triplehorn scored three touchdowns, Don Triplehorn and Don Oates each scored one touchdown, and Leland Garmatter scored one on a brilliant 90 yard kickoff return at the second half. Four extra points were successful.

ST. MARYS 34—BLUFFTON 13
Bluffton traveled to St. Marys October 18, and were handed their third defeat in the

Western Buckeye League by the score of 34-13. Dale Risser scored on a touchdown pass from Garmatter, and Don Triplehorn ran 40 yards for the second touchdown. Bracy scored the extra point on a pass from Garmatter.

WAPAKONETA 13—BLUFFTON 31

Bluffton once more tasted victory when they beat Wapak 31 to 13. John Triplehorn scored three touchdowns and Don Oates and Bob Wenger each scored one touchdown. Garmatter passed to Oates for the extra point.

CAREY 13—BLUFFTON 7

In their last home game of the season the Pirates were defeated by Carey in a downpour of rain by the score of 13 to 7. Garmatter plunged over from the 2 yard line for the touchdown and John Triplehorn ran around end for the extra point.

COLUMBUS GROVE 0—BLUFFTON 20

Climaxing the 1950 football season Bluffton High's gridders white-washed Columbus Grove 20 to 0. John Triplehorn plunged for a score in the first period, and Garmatter passed to Don Triplehorn to give Bluffton a 7-0 half time score. Coming back strong in the third quarter Garmatter ran 80 yards around end for a touchdown, and John Triplehorn plunged over for the extra point. The final score came in the same period when John Triplehorn plunged 2 yards for the score.

Bluffton schoolmates and fans will remember the passing and running of Leland Garmatter, the hard running and tackling of John Triplehorn, the running and kicking of Don Triplehorn, the pass catching of Don Oates and Dale Risser, the steadiness of John Schmutz, Robert Wenger, and Wilbur Bracy, and the offensive and defensive playing of Paul Cramer, Bruce Hauenstein, Richard Patterson, and Bill Augsburger.

#### WESTERN BUCKEYE ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

John Triplehorn1st	team
Robert Wenger2nd	team
Leland Garmatter2nd	team

ADA ALL-OPPONENT TEAM
Robert Wenger
John Triplehorn

# Homecoming











Queen—Genevieve Burkholder

Attendant—Ann Basinger

Attendant—Ruth Anna Lee

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Richard Lowry

# gr. Hi. Coach



Donavin Moser



Richard Benroth, Joel Joseph

# Football Managers Basketball Managers



Bruce Hauenstein, Joel Joseph, Charles Bucher

### gr. Hi. Football



FRONT ROW: David Steiner, James Laycock, James Berry, Ronald Chidester, Gerald Yoakam, Jan Conrad, Barry Corson, Richard Basinger.

MIDDLE ROW: Dale Schmutz, Russell Scoles, Robert Derringer, Raymond Cummins, Bret Triplett.

BACK ROW: Maurice Mahoney, Jack Fields, Rex Aukerman.

# Jr. Hi. Basketball



FRONT ROW: James Laycock, David Steiner, James Berry, James Matter, Barry Corson, Robert Badertscher.

MIDDLE ROW: Wade Lehman, Fredrick Basinger, Arlen Campbell, Edward Reichenbach, Maurice Mahoney, Joel Joseph.

BACK ROW: William Ramseyer, Jack Fields, Ralph Molder.

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### Reserve Basketball



LaVerne Moser, Tom Bucher, William Montgomery, David Burkholder, Karl Klassen, Joe Smucker, Evan Lehman.

The Pirates basketball squad built around three lettermen, Jim Badertscher, Leland Garmatter, and Don Oates, started out the season in good style by winning five out of the first six games.

Tough luck hit the team when Don Oates received a torn ligament and a chipped ankle bone and Jim Badertscher sprained his ankle.

After that the Pirates could never seem to get rolling; however they had a few good games under their belts.

The Pirates dropped from the Celina tournament in their first game by bowing to Lima St. Rose. This game was also the last game that Jim Badertscher, Leland Garmatter, Dave Hofstetter, and Don Oates played for B. H. S.

Team members at the end of the season were as follows: Seniors, Jim Badertscher, Leland Garmatter, Dave Hofstetter, and Don Oates; Juniors, Wilbur Bracy, Richard Patterson, John Schmutz, Joe Smucker, Don Triplehorn, and Robert Wenger; Sophomores, David Gerber and David Burkholder.

There will be a lot of material for next year's team, and with another year's experience to their credit they should function in good style.

# Varsity Cheerleaders



Ann Basinger, David Steiner, Genevieve Burkholder.

# Reserve Cheerleaders



Jean Ann Frick, Jean Ann Kempf, Shirley Burry, Janice Henry, Mary Burry, Esther Mathewson.



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FRONT ROW: Dale Hochstettler, Ronald Lora, Vonda Burkholder, Lou Moser, Esther Hofstetter, Harriet Badertscher, Anita Klassen, Edith Yoder, Margaret Stratton, Saundra Berry, Rebecca Frankhauser, Carol Carmack, Barbara Burkholder, James Laycock.
MIDDLE ROW: Roger Reichenbach, June Hochstet-

tler, Rex Aukerman, William Montgomery, David Gerber, Richard Bucher, James Green, David Tschiegg, Wade Lehman, Robert Steiner, Sue Conaway.

away.
BACK ROW: Evan Lehman, Charles Bucher, Robert
Leiber, Roberta Basinger, Tom Bucher, Rodney Jennings, Samuel Diller, Dorothy Leiber, Maryln Holtkamp, David Bixel, Barbara Diller, Don Badertscher.
MISSING: Louise Reichenbach, Thorton Lauriat,
William Ramseyer.

#### Band

Boom, boom rat-a-tat-tat, and the band of 52 members is off down the field. If you listen closely enough you can still hear the echoes of Mr. Lehman or Shirleen Klass, the head majorette, saying, "get in step, keep those lines straight, and you've had a week to memorize your music." Yes, these memories will stay long in the minds of the band members, and those of the intricate patterns displayed and peppy music will remain in the minds of the students and fans.

On the more serious side we worked with a smaller group of 48 for the concerts and contest. A few of the pieces the public heard at the annual fall and spring concerts were "Mantilla," "Klaxon," "The Voyager," and "Old Vienna Overture." The contest numbers, on which we put in many hours work, were "Spring Promenade," and "The Glass Slipper."

Through the help of the public, donations of town organizations, and the athletic department we purchased ten uniforms, a bass clarinet, three snare drums, and a bass drum.

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Vice President Margare	et Stratton
Secretary-TreasurerSam	uel Diller
Librarian	nes Green

## gr. Band



FRONT ROW: Jacqueline Berry, Raymond Cummins, Annabelle Amstutz, Carolyn Garmatter, Ronald Chidester, Jean Ann Frick, Sallyann Hilty, Karin Hauenstein, Lois Amstutz, James Matter, Thorton Lauriat, Robert Derringer, Frank Chamberlain, Saundra Berry, Rebecca Frankhauser, Anita Klassen, Roger Reichenbach, Sherry Zimmerman. BACK ROW: Ned Althaus, Robert Green, Beulah Bixel, Robert Steiner, Wade Moser, Shirley Galloway, Loretta Nonnamaker, Rex Aukerman, Ronald Lora, James Laycock, David Steiner, Dale Hochstettler.

# Majorettes And Major



Ann Thomas, Carol Moser, Frank Chamberlain, Shirleen Klass, Bonnie Eddie, Dorothy Stratton, Bonnie Parish.

#### Director



Earl Lehman



FRONT ROW: Anita Klassen, Ann Hilty, Janice Skidmore, Shirley Derringer, Irlene Gierman, Wilma Jorg, Janet Althaus, Barbara Burkholder, Beulah Bixel, Esther Hofstetter, Jean Ann Frick, June Hochstettler.

BACK ROW: Joan Gratz, Annabelle Stover, Vonda Burkholder, Saundra Berry, Edith Yoder, Sue Conaway, Lynn Carmack, Don Badertscher, Charles Bucher, Samuel Diller, Maryln Holtkamp, Dorothy Leiber, James Green, David Tschiegg, Rodney Jennings.

MISSING: Dorothy Stratton, Louise Reichenbach, Thorton Lauriat.

#### Orchestra

"Why, one of us could drown you out in any song." Yes, you guessed it. Just the wind and brass section arguing as to who can play the loudest. It seems the wind and brass instruments have never liked the strings, say they "squeak" too much, but still? Well, we finally decided to compromise and guess what, "We can honestly play music."

In concerts we played more serious music such as "1st Movement of Beethoven's Fifth," and "Meadowlands." In the contest we showed what our mighty thirty could do with the pieces, "Capricio in A" and "Finale from 5th Symphony."

The band plays at the football and basketball games, but we do something that is just as important. Every year we play at Commencement and watch the graduating class march up the aisle, onto the stage, and receive their diplomas. The traditional song which we play for this is "Pomp and Circumstance."



FRONT ROW: Wilma Jorg, Irlene Gierman, Anita Klassen, Dorothy Stratton, Janice Skidmore, Beulah Bixel, Jean Frick, Raymond Cummins, Ronald Chidester, Jacqueline Berry, Carolyn Garmatter, Annabelle Amstutz

belle Amstutz MIDDLE ROW: Saundra Berry, Norma Frankhauser, Frank Chamberlain, Robert Derringer, Ned Althaus, Robert Green, Robert Steiner, Roger Reichenbach, Rex Aukerman, Wade Moser, Ronald Lora, David Steiner, James Laycock, Dale Hochstettler, Sherry Zimmerman

BACK ROW: Barbara Shumaker, Shirley Galloway, Loretta Nonnamaker

## Jr. Orchestra

"Squee." Honestly some of the sounds that come out of the band room, oh my goodness!!! Yes, the Jr. Orchestra is practicing. This is an organization made up of the seventh and eighth grade musicians, and more or less a preparatory course to Sr. Orchestra.

On interviewing one of the members of this organization, I found out what its most outstanding characteristic is. Her answer was and I quote "If you say anything about it, say something about the trumpets. They're never playing the right notes," unquote. But then maybe the trumpets think it's the other sections that are off.

You never hear the Jr. Orchestra at public gatherings but they're always in there practicing. Here are a few of the songs they have been practicing, "Larghetto," "Steven Foster Melodies," "Intermezzo," and "Danube Waltz."



FRONT ROW: Janice Henry, Mary Burry, Barbara Burkholder, Joan Gratz, Vonda Burkholder, Carol Carmack, Joan Moser, June Hochstettler, Lou Moser, Ann Basinger, Genevieve Burkholder, Doris Basinger. MIDDLE ROW: Esther Hofstetter, Yvonne Rupright, Carolyn Shafer, Jeanette Basinger, Shirleen Klass, Janet Althaus, Janice Diller, Dolores Hauenstein, Bonnie Parish, Colleen Cummins, Edith Yoder, Mil-

dred Tenney, Joan Montgomery, Harriet Bixel. BACK ROW: Ruth Lee, Sue Conaway, Marian Bell, Marlene Gleason, Joanne Rodabaugh, Ruth Nonnamaker, Emma Schmutz, Marilyn Oberly, Nancy Steinman, Dorothy Leiber, Maryln Holtkamp, Annabelle Stover, Janice Diller.

MISSING: Louise Reichenbach.

#### Girls Glee

He raises his baton, as he lowers it the piano starts, four measures later the girls are joyously singing, but alas, ten measures more, the baton hits the stand with a mighty "whack" and a voice is heard saying, "Sopranos you're flat again, let's start over." This always brought groans but it also made a precisely timed and in-pitch choir.

Please don't take me too seriously for in the end they always had the music memorized and sang with their best ability.

We helped round out the fall and spring concerts with such melodies as "In a Japanese Garden," "Day Break," and "Spring Rain." In athletics the boys are called Pirates, well when contests came we went in fighting like Pirates with our two melodies, "Three Little Maids" and "When I Was One and Twenty."

On "Youth Sunday" we sang in one of our local churches to which we had been invited. The two sacred songs we sang were "Bless This House" and "Lift Thine Eyes."

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FRONT ROW: Daryl Badertscher, Donald Leiber, Edward Reichenbach, David Bixel, Robert Wenger, LaVerne Moser, Howard Miller, Lynn Carmack, Rodney Jennings, Joe Smucker, David Tschiegg

BACK ROW: Karl Klassen, Richard Patterson, Richard Stager, Charles Bucher, Samuel Diller, David Hofstetter, David Beery, William Ramseyer, Tom Bucher

#### Boys Glee

Ohh!! (That was supposed to be a swoon) there goes the boys' glee again, I could just listen to them all day. (Heavens was I feeling right when I said, "listen to them all day." Really though, we do enjoy hearing them at the various concerts and in assemblies.

It seems like they're a spark of life in a concert or contest. They always get those lively, peppy songs like "Old Man Noah," "Eight Bells," "Kentucky Babe," and "Joshua Fit the Battle," which they sang at the music concert, while the girls usually get the slow, dreamy type of songs.

Not only are their songs a spark of life, but they are too. The misery Mr. Lehman, the substitute teachers, and student teachers had to endure, it's no wonder Mr. Lehman was ill for a short time.

However in the end it must have all added up, for look how they turned out in the contests. They gave the judges a shock with their spark of "Ride the Cossacks" and "Minstrel Song."

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FRONT ROW: Esther Hofstetter, Ruth Lee, Edith Yoder, Colleen Cummins, Joan Gratz, Barbara Burkholder, Bonnie Parish, June Hochstettler, Carol Carbara Burkholder, Carol Carol Carbara Burkholder, Carol Carol Carbara Burkholder, Carol Ca mack, Annabelle Stover, Lou Moser, Vonda Burkholder, Doris Basinger.
MIDDLE ROW: Carolyn Shafer, Janet Althaus, Sue Conaway, Rodney Jennings, Lynn Carmack, LaVerne Moser, David Bixel, David Tschiegg, Howard Miller,

Tom Bucher, Marian Bell, Joan Moser, Joan Montgomery

BACK ROW: Joanne Rodabaugh, Ruth Nonnamaker, Robert Wenger, Karl Klassen, Richard Patterson, Charles Bucher, Samuel Diller, David Hofstetter, David Beery, William Ramseyer, Dorothy Leiber, Maryln Holtkamp.

MISSING: Louise Reichenbach.

#### Mixed Chorus

This is the place where there is constant arguing. "Arguing," one says, "what in the world about?" The truth is we have so many favorite songs we can't make up our minds which is the favorite.

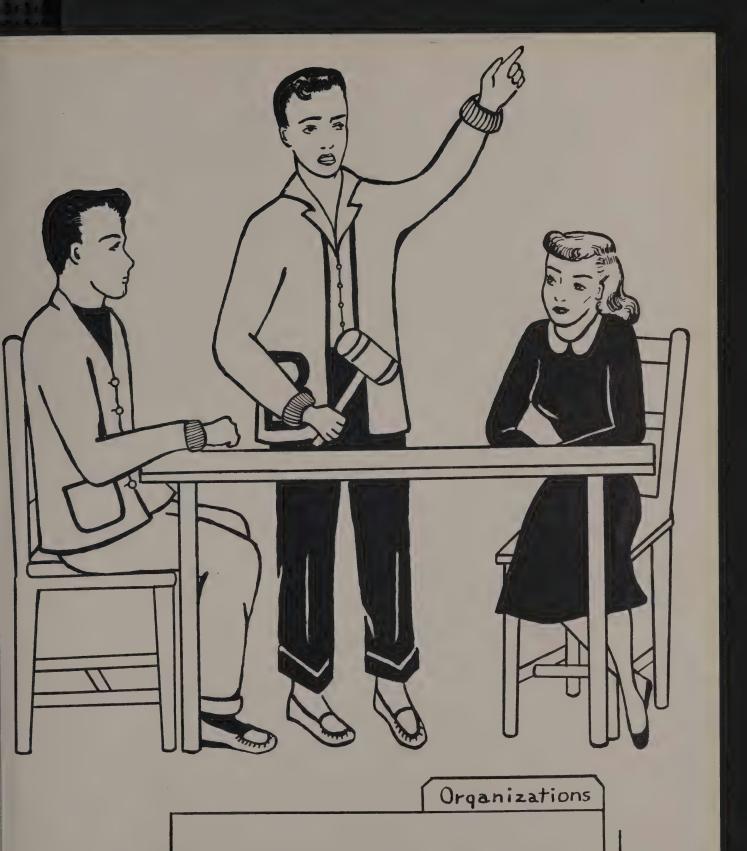
Everyone finds it a pleasure, an honor, and a deep satisfaction in belonging to mixed chorus, for here we sing a different type song than we do in either girls' or boys' glee. Here we have the mixture of the girls' light tones and boys' deep rich tones. It rather sounds as if we're baking a cake, doesn't it? In a way it really is food, food for the ears and mind.

Some of the dishes we have served the

public were "My Lord What a Morning," "Oh, Skip to My Lou," "Playroom on Parade," and at Christmas the cantata, "The Song of Christmas." The recipe for these were, voices of both boys and girls blended with the right music and a great director to lead us.

In the contests we served the judges these two savory songs, "Three Songs From Shakespeare" and "Call to Remembrance."

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BLUFFTON HIGH

#### Buccaneer



Genevieve Burkholder, David Hofstetter, Barbara Lewis, Dorothy Leiber, Maryln Holtkamp.

Measure, cut, glue, stick on cardboard, write, type, proof read, tear up, write, type, and check. Yea!! One more page of the 64 ready to send to the publishers. This is what members of the Buccaneer staff ate, slept, and did a week before the first deadline. Honestly we never really realized how much work one of these annuals was. It seems as though no matter how perfect you thought you did something the checkers always found something wrong, but after the change it even seemed better to those who had made the mistake.

Through all of this work and research, we have discovered more about how our school runs, the whims and fancies of the different students and classes, and the goals and purposes of our many clubs.

We, the Buccaneer staff, hope that through our work and that of others you will see and enjoy this the "51" Buccaneer, which is a *file* of our year's school life and the future of some.

Barbara Lewis was Art Editor; Maryln Holtkamp, Society Editor; Genevieve Burkholder, Class Editor; Dorothy Leiber, Photography Editor; and David Hofstetter, Sports Editor.

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#### Cutlass

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Cutlass, Cutlass, Cutlass!!! We get the Cutlass today!! That is the general buzz in the corridors of Bluffton High School on Friday when the school paper comes out. Late in the afternoon the Cutlass arrives from the print shop and the rush is on. First, one quickly scans the Brown Jug, Inquisitive Scribe, People, Senior Sketches, Pirates Plunder, Music, Organizations, Library, Features, and Editorials. Then we start all over again, this time not missing one little fragment.

Where did the name 'Cutlass' originate? According to "Webster" a cutlass is standard pirate equipment being defined as a short, broad sword, with one cutting edge, used by seamen.

The Cutlass is the school paper planned, written, and edited by students. The overall aim of the paper is to provide accurate and unbiased presentation of news as it occurs in student circles and to have better understanding between students and teachers. Students can also express their opin-



Maryln Holtkamp James Badertscher

ions on the editorial page, in the Inquisitive Scribe column and special columns for this purpose.

Students receive practice in the phase of journalism by publishing the Cutlass which is really a newspaper in miniature. Not only must the editors know how to write stories, they must also learn newspaper make - up, proofreading, and writing heads.

All this goes into the make-up and is accom-

plished through the Cutlass and assists in making Bluffton High School a school of which to be

Hilty, and Don Triplehorn. Advisor ......Miss Duffield

FRONT ROW: Genevieve Burkholder, Ann Basinger, Dorothy Stratton, June Hochstettler, Don Triplehorn, Janet Althaus, Charles Hilty, Marian Bell, Burdette Augsburger, Joan Montgomery, Louise Reichenbach, James Matter, James Berry. MIDDLE ROW: Sue Risser, Vonda Burkholder, Ruth Lee, Lynn Carmack, Richard Jordan, Ruth Nonnamaker, Barbara Diller, Marilyn Oberly, Shirley Derringer, Rodney Jennings, Mildred Tenney, Esther Hofstetter.

BACK ROW: Dorothy Leiber, Barbara Lewis, Robert Wenger, Fred Brunn, William Ramseyer, Don Oates, David Hofstetter, Bruce Hauenstein, David Beery, Joe Smucker.



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#### J. H. a.

The Future Homemakers of America is the national organization of girls who study homemaking. For the year we planned many varied activities. Early in September to start the year out right we held our informal initiation, and all new members were welcomed into our club. Later we served a banquet to a principals' meeting held in the high school, and in November the girls sponsored a community Spaghetti Supper as a means of raising money. At Christmas time we went Christmas caroling to various homes in the community.

Also included in the plans for the year were a high school party on February 21, a Sock Hop to which we invited the F. F. A. and a neighboring F. H. A. and F. F. A.

Springtime found us presenting a style show and a tea for our mothers, and during the style show we modeled the garments we had made in clothing classes throughout the vear.

The National flower of our organization is the red rose and our colors are red and white. The motto of the Future Homemakers of America is "Toward New Horizons." It expresses the purpose of the organization—Learning to live better today in order that our lives and those of our families may be better tomorrow.

President	Marilyn Oberly
Vice President	. "Elise Chamberlain
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Chairman of Public Rela	ations
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Song Leader	Ann Basinger
Pianist	Ann Thomas
Advisor	Miss Vore
Club Mothers	Mrs. Oberly
	Mrs. Chamberlain

## J. J. a.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in high school. The organization was founded on objectives of training boys in leadership, thrift, cooperation, scholarship, citizenship, character, and farming ability.

The Bluffton Chapter was reorganized in December, 1949, and at the present time has twenty-one members.

Some of the activities for the year were winning second place in livestock judging at the Allen County Fair in August with nine teams competing, and winning second place in the pest hunt with eight schools competing.

David Beery represented the local chapter at the National F. F. A. Convention in Kansas

City last October and Richard Bucher played in the All Ohio F. F. A. Band at the Ohio F. F. A. Convention in Columbus. The chapter will be represented at the Ohio F. F. A. Camp this summer.

A pure-bred Hampshire Gilt, which was cared for by Melvin Marquart and was a part of their livestock improvement program, was purchased by the club.

President	Leland Garmatter
Vice President	John Schmutz
Secretary	David Hofstetter
Treasurer	Don Oates
Reporter	David Beery
Sentinel	Donald Leiber
Advisor	Mr. Basinger



FRONT ROW: Doris Basinger, Mary Burry, Harriet Badertscher, Ann Thomas, Ann Basinger, Mildred Tenney, Elise Chamberlain, Marilyn Oberly, Margaret Stratton, Shirleen Klass, Vonda Burkholder, Janice Henry, Genevieve Burkholder, Betty May.

MIDDLE ROW: Barbara Burkholder, Joan Gratz, Colleen Cummins, Janice Diller, Esther Hofstetter, Lou Moser, Janet Althaus, Joan Montgomery, Shirley

Derringer, Joan Moser, Carolyn Shafer, Nina Epley, Jeanette Basinger, Patsy Joseph.

BACK ROW: Esther Mathewson, Bonnie Parish, Yvonne Rupright, Sue Conaway, Marian Bell, Roberta Basinger, Dorothy Leiber, Nancy Steinman, Joanne Rodabaugh, Ruth Nonnamaker, Barbara Diller, Louise Reichenbach, Kaye Matter, Dolores Hauenstein, Marlene Gleason.

FRONT ROW: Paul Baumgartner, Evan Lehman, Gerald Kaufman, Donald Leiber, Arley Criblez, Wade Lehman, Frederick Amstutz. MIDDLE ROW: LaVerne Moser, Melvin Marquart, David Beery, John Badertscher, Leland Garmatter, Larry Zimmerly, Alvin Epley.

BACK ROW: Richard Bucher, Don Oates, David Hofstetter, Dale Risser, John Schmutz, Eugene Kohler.

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## y-Jeens

The Y-Teen club consists of girls from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes who are organized to develop the mental, physical, and spiritual sides of the triangle which is a part of the Y-Teen symbol. The purpose of our club is to build a fellowship of girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians.

Throughout the year we have done many things in service not only to those of our own community but also to those of other lands.

In the school we have sponsored various assemblies, a high school party with the cooperation of the Hi-Y, and had a magazine drive with the Seventh and Eighth grades entering. Part of the profits went to the school for different projects.

The girls graciously gave some of their time to baby-sit with the children of the P.

T. A. members so that more of them could attend the meetings.

"Chocolates for Christmas" was a national project this year and we received many thankful letters for the ones we had sent to various countries.

The social part was taken up by a truth or consequences program, a spaghetti supper with Columbus Grove Y-Teens as our guests, Christmas caroling, and the annual "Sweetheart Sister Week."

The chairmen of the committees were as follows: Program—Mildred Tenney, Social—Janet Althaus, Service—Joan Montgomery, Music—Joan Gratz, Worship—Annabelle Stover, and Publicity—Maryln Holtkamp.

President	Louise Reichenbach
Vice President	June Hochstettler
Secretary	Barbara Lewis
TreasurerGer	nevieve Burkholder
Advisor	Miss Keel

# Hi-Y

The Hi-Y club, consisting of thirty boys, has had a very active and successful year. The club, meeting twice a month, gave the boys an opportunity to get together and the programs provided much information on various subjects together with spiritual and social guidance.

"To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character" is the purpose of the club and the platform is clean living and speech, clean athletics and sportsmanship, and clean scholarship.

The Hi-Y members not only tried to make money to give to some worthy cause, but they also did some helpful jobs in the community such as shoveling snow for elderly people.

Selling at a basketball game, giving a play

with the Y-Teens in assembly, and going Christmas caroling with the Y-Teens were a few activities of the Hi-Y club this year.

Mr. Buhler, our advisor, was presented with the "Advisor Award" at the Northwest Ohio Annual Hi-Y Conference.

Chairmen of the various committees were Program—David Bixel, Finance—Paul Cramer, Worship—Joe Smucker, Membership—Clarence Greiner, Music—Lynn Carmack, Social — Howard Miller, Service — Samuel Diller, Recreation—Don Triplehorn, and Decoration—Rodney Jennings.

President	.David Hofstetter
Vice President	David Bixel
Secretary-Treasurer .	
Chaplain	
Advisor	





FRONT ROW: Sharon Fritchie, Carol Carmack, Sue Risser, Mary Lewis, Janice Diller, Louise Reichenbach, June Hochstettler, Joan Gratz, Genevieve Burkholder, Betty May.

MIDDLE ROW: Bonnie Parish, Shirleen Klass, Doris Berryhill, Elise Chamberlain, Mildred Tenney,

Shirley Derringer, Kaye Matter, Barbara Diller, Janet Althaus, Joan Montgomery.
BACK ROW: Annabelle Stover, Vida Diller, Marian Bell, Barbara Lewis, Margaret Stratton, Ruth Nonnamaker, Maryln Holtkamp, Dorothy Leiber, Ruth Lee. MISSING: Eilene Mathewson.

FRONT ROW: Paul Baumgartner, Donald Leiber, Robert Wenger, Joe Smucker, David Hofstetter, Lynn Carmack, David Bixel, Howard Miller, Fred Brunn, Rodney Jennings.

MIDDLE ROW: LaVerne Moser, Charles Bucher, Richard Jordan, Burdette Augsburger, Richard

Bucher, David Gerber, Don Triplehorn, Clarence Greiner, Frederick Habegger, Tom Bucher. BACK ROW: David Beery, Eugene Kohler, Bruce Hauenstein, Don Oates, Samuel Diller, John Schmutz, Charles Hilty, John Triplehorn, Karl Klassen.



#### g. a. a.

The Girls' Athletic Association is an organization for girls from the 9th grade through the 12th.

Various activities planned for the year included bike hikes, hayrides, picnics, soft ball, volley ball, basketball, badminton, shuffleboard, table tennis, roller skating and swimming. Through these activities we try to:

- 1st Promote interest in all sports whether as an active participant or as a spectator.
- 2nd To develop the essential skills of all games played.

- 3rd To grow in physical well being and efficiency.
- 4th To improve scholastic standing.
- 5th To be a good sport at all occasions.

Fund raising activities have included concessions at games, selling of sweat shirts, banners and magazines.

Our organization has also sponsored school parties and assisted the cheerleaders in planning pep sessions.

PresidentAnn Basinger
Vice PresidentMarian Bell
Secretary-TreasurerJoan Montgomery
AdvisorMiss Steiner

## Varsity B

The Varsity B club is composed of boys who have been on one of the major athletic teams for one season.

Its chief aim is to promote, maintain, and extend good sportsmanship with other schools and among the pupils of Bluffton High School.

During the year the Varsity B sponsored a hayride with the G. A. A., a school party,

and purchased the footballs for the Homecoming queen and attendants. We have also undertaken the project of collecting old photographs of past football and basketball teams which we shall put in an album.

President	.John	Triplehorn
Vice President	Don	Triplehorn
Secretary-Treasurer	Rob	ert Wenger
Advisor		Mr. Lowry



FRONT ROW: Esther Mathewson, Mary Burry, Sue Risser, Carol Carmack, Mildred Tenney, Joan Montgomery, Ann Basinger, Marian Bell, Edith Yoder, Nina Epley, Jeanette Basinger, Joan Gratz, Janice

Henry, Genevieve Burkholder.
MIDDLE ROW: Barbara Burkholder, Ann Thomas,
Harriet Badertscher, Colleen Cummins, Vonda Burkholder, Shirleen Klass, Doris Berryhill, Elise

FRONT ROW: Evan Lehman, Donald Leiber, Joe Smucker, William Montgomery, David Gerber, Don Triplehorn, John Triplehorn, Robert Wenger, John Koch, Clarence Greiner, Howard Miller, Lynn Carmack, William Shumaker, Joel Joseph

MIDDLE ROW: Paul Baumgartner, Charles Bucher, Richard Patterson, LaVerne Moser, Wilbur Bracy, Le-

Chamberlain, Janice Diller, Carolyn Shafer, Patsy

Chamberlain, Janice Diller, Carolyn Shafer, Patsy Joseph, Louise Reichenbach, Margaret Stratton, Nancy Steinman.

BACK ROW: Bonnie Parish, Yvonne Rupright, Sue Conaway, Marlyn Holtkamp, Dorothy Leiber, Vida Diller, Emma Schmutz, Joanne Rodabaugh, Ruth Nonnamaker, Barbara Diller, Marilyn Oberly, Kaye Matter, Dolores Hauenstein, Marlene Gleason.

land Garmatter, Charles Hilty, Bruce Hauenstein, Fred Brunn, Ralph Molder, William Ramseyer, Edward Reichenbach, Arlen Campbell..
BACK ROW: Don Badertscher, David Hofstetter, David Burkholder, Eugene Kohler, Don Oates, James Badertscher, Marl Watkins, John Schmutz, Bill Augsburger, Karl Klassen, Robert Leiber, Tom Bucher.
MISSING: Paul Cramer, Wade Lehman.



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#### Student Senate

It is more necessary than ever during these times to show the true spirit of democracy. A democracy where you have freedom of speech and ideas is especially exemplified by the Student Senate.

The Senate was organized in 1929 with the members being chosen from the upper classes and representing the different organizations and clubs of the school. This system of membership is still being used at the present time.

The purpose and aim of the Student Senate is to solve student problems and create ways to better both the student and the school.

Selecting organizations to have concessions at football and basketball games, planning homecoming festivities, decorating the

Christmas tree in the hallway at Christmas time, arranging high school parties, and solving problems which confront the student body such as the honor roll and sportsmanship at ball games, were a few of the projects completed by the Student Senate this year.

The Senate provides excellent training for its members and is and always will be one of the most important organizations in the school system.

President ......Maryln Holtkamp Vice President .....Margaret Stratton Secretary-Treasurer .....Ruth Lee Concession Manager ....Barbara Diller Advisor .....Mr. Murray

#### Student Patrol

Originated in 1935, the patrol system was first organized in Bluffton High School through cooperation of the village and state officials.

This year the patrol was selected by the student senate and the teachers' association. Members of the patrol include five Seniors and one Junior, with Senior Lynn Carmack as captain.

Duties of the patrol were to usher in assemblies and at pep meetings, conduct fire drills, keep discipline in the halls at all times, and turn out the hall lights.

During the year the student patrol conducted several fire drills, and sponsored an assembly program in which a state patrolman presented badges to the patrol members and showed the film "Safety While Driving."

Captain ......Lynn Carmack Lieutenants ....Genevieve Burkholder, Maryln Holtkamp, Louise Reichenbach, David Hofstetter, and Don Triplehorn



FRONT ROW: Ann Basinger, Marilyn Oberly, Ruth Lee, Maryln Holtkamp, Margaret Stratton, Barbara Diller, Louise Reichenbach.

BACK ROW: Lynn Carmack, James Green, John Triplehorn, David Hofstetter, Leland Garmatter, Don Badertscher.

Lynn Carmack, Louise Reichenbach, David Hofsetter, Maryln Holtkamp, Don Triplehorn, Genevieve Burkholder.



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#### National Honor Society

It was 16 years ago when a new organization dawned upon Bluffton High School. The National Honor Society, active since 1935, has increased its membership to 58 including 52 alumni and the students who were members during the 1951 school year.

Bluffton is a charter member of the National Honor Society and has a constitution by which it is governed.

The Society has four main objectives: To create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the

development of character. It is upon these four objectives—scholarship, service, leadership, and character—that the members are selected by the faculty.

Membership is limited to not more than 15% of the Senior class and 5% of the Junior class. An average grade of B or better is required.

President	Louise	Reichenbach
Vice President	Dor	n Triplehorn
Secretary-Treasurer	June	Hochstettler
Advisor		.Mr. Buhler



## Junior Play



Ed Hamilton

SITTING: Marilyn Oberly, Janet Althaus, Joan Gratz, Nancy Steinman STANDING: Clarence Greiner, Barbara Diller, Gene Badertscher, Eugene Kohler, Paul Baumgart-

ner, June Hochstettler, Frederick Habegger, Larry Zimmerly, Samuel Diller, Burdette Augsburger, James Henderson, Bruce Hauenstein, Marlene Gleason, Vida Diller, Bonnie Parish

"American Passport," written by Dane Thomas, was the play presented by the Junior class this year. Miss Ann Beckenbach, a Bluffton College student, directed this threeact comedy.

The story concerns the American father who is greatly worried about the "Trojan Horse" and suddenly finds, to quote his own words, that he's "feeding three of her ponies in his own home." The comedy role of Mrs. Schwartz shows she is a 100 per cent American neighbor. Mrs. Hamilton is a good mother but she always likes to get her words in and she does. Judy and Dick go around with their political banners and cause a lot of confusion for their father. Louella, the adorable 12-year-old, is play loving and has the natural curiosity of a child especially when Judy and Bill, and Dick and Sybil have their little problems.

an American father
Bertha HamiltonJanet Althaus the mother
Dick
JudyNancy Steinman
the older daughter  LouellaJoan Gratz
baby of the family Sybil JenningsMarilyn Oberly
in love with Dick Bill WilsonGene Badertscher
Judy's boyfriend Aunt JenJune Hochstettler
Mrs. Hamilton's aunt Mrs. SchwartzBonnie Parish
a neighbor
Mr. CraigBurdette Augsburger

father's employer

# American Passport









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## Senior Play



SITTING: Louise Reichenbach, Fred Brunn, Margaret Stratton, Genevieve Burkholder, Howard Miller. STANDING: Bill Augsburger, Richard Jordan, Don Oates, Barbara Lewis, Ruth Anna Lee, Lynn Car-

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a delightful comedy that takes place in 1904. The scene is St. Louis at the time when the fabulous World's Fair is about to begin.

The Smith family, the center of the story, is looking forward to the most important event of the year, the World's Fair.

But things do not run smoothly. Complications set in as Mr. Smith, a fairly successful business man, is offered a new job in New York. He is anxious to go because it will mean more money for his family.

Mrs. Smith, and her daughters: Rose, Esther, Agnes, and Tootie, do not take kindly to the transfer because all their friends are in St. Louis.

By accident and sometimes on purpose the girls find themselves in a fix trying to make Mr. Dodge think that his employee, Mr. Smith, is unreliable.

Many humorous situations develop because of the girls' seemingly harmless pranks.

But all ends well when Mr. Dodge is convinced that Mr. Smith can do as well in St. Louis as in New York and gives him a higher salary.

Rose and Esther go to the fair with John and Fred, their dates, and everyone has a wonderful time at the World's Fair.

mack, Mildred Tenney, Paul Cramer, Eilene Mathewson, David Hofstetter, Maryln Holtkamp, Ann Basinger.

Mr. SmithFred Brunn
St. Louis business man
Mrs. SmithMargaret Stratton
his wife
Rose Barbara Lewis
oldest daughter Esther Eilene Mathewson
Esther Eilene Mathewson
younger than Rose
Agnes Mildred Tenney
tomboy of the family
Tootie Genevieve Burkholder
youngest in the family
Lon Lynn Carmack
then son
Grandpa ProphaterHoward Miller
Mrs. Smith's father
KatieRuth Anna Lee
the cook
Mrs. WaughopLouise Reichenbach
an irate neighbor
Ida BoothbyAnn Dunifon
sweet on Lon
John ShephardDon Oates
sweet on Rose
Fred GregoryDavid Hofstetter sweet on Esther
Lucille PentardMaryln Holtkamp a "menace" from the East
Mr. DodgeBill Augsburger
Mr. Smith's boss
Mr. DuffyRichard Jordan
Mr. Dodge's shadow
"Meet Me in St. Louis" was written by Perry
Clark, and Adison Myers, another Bluffton College

student, directed the play.

# Meet Me In St. Louis











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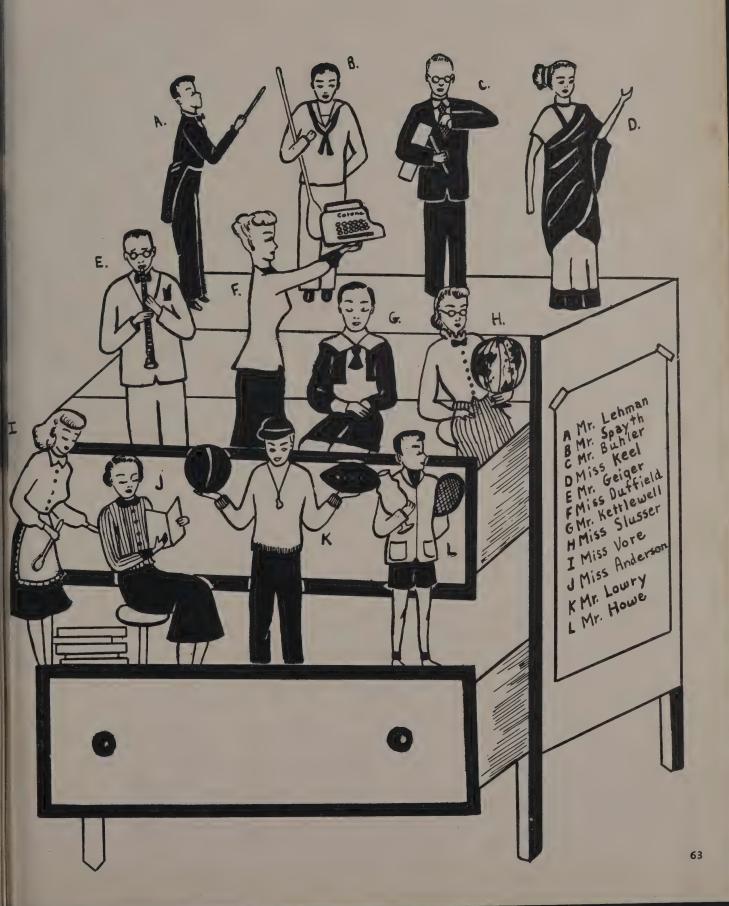


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